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Please find attached a copy of the information disclosure statement filed January 8, 2007. The references fail to anticipate or render obvious the steering mechanism comprising a set of linking members connected to a spring-loaded plunger pin, the plunger pin being guided through a ratcheting mechanism when pressure is applied to the pedal, as recited in claim 1; or the first linkage members having a plunger pin, the plunger pin being guided through a ratcheting mechanism, as recited in claim 6; or the steering mechanism including a recessed guideway along which the linkage member travels, the guideway defining an intermediate position for the pedal when moving between the locked and unlocked positions, as recited in claim 11.

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